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# ROB FORD

Mike Savage saw former T.O. mayor as a man of the people metroNEWS

THE 2016 FEDERAL BUDGET

# Millions in work can start immediately

#### **But business** community calls it a 'mixed bag'



Zane Woodford Metro Halifax

Halifax Mayor Mike Savage said he's encouraged by the federal Liberal government's first budget, but the business community isn't so enthusiastic.

The budget, tabled Tuesday evening, includes a commitment for \$11.9 billion in infrastructure spending over the next five years.

About \$5 billion will go towards water and wastewater infrastructure, \$3.4 billion towards public transit infrastructure, and another \$3.4 billion towards social infrastructure like affordable housing.

"It's pretty clear that there's a lot of needs at the municipal level and we're very encouraged by what we see in the budget," Savage said

Tuesday evening.

"We have a list of many millions of dollars of work that we can do virtually immediately."

Savage cites Halifax Water's aging infrastructure as a project that could use a significant influx of federal cash.

"Having a carved out fund for that is very helpful," he said.

Based on ridership numbers, Nova Scotia is set to receive \$32.2 million in transit funding - a "pretty significant percentage" of which Savage assumes will be headed for Halifax.

None of the funding announced Tuesday was particularly surprising for Savage, who met with infrastructure minister Amarjeet Sohi and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau over the past few months.

He said Trudeau was clear that "he sees municipalities as a third order of government and not the lower level of government."

The government is very well aware of municipal needs, and have been very supportive," he said.

But while he agrees that "investing in infrastructure is good news for our economy," Halifax Chamber of Commerce chair Rob Batherson called the federal budget "a bit of a mixed bag."

He said many Canadian businesses will have "a high level of anxiety over the fact that the government is going to run massive deficits ... for the next five years."

"That's not what they campaigned

The cancellation of tax relief for small businesses is also troubling. he said, calling that another "broken promise" by the Liberals.

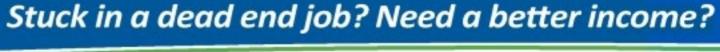
"This is going to be a hit on many of our small businesses," Batherson said.

"When governments chronically over spend, when they chronically run deficits, you have to pay the price eventually."

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Two women write solidarity messages in chalk outside the stock exchange in Brussels on Tuesday. Explosions, at least one likely caused by a suicide bomber, rocked the Brussels airport and subway system Tuesday, prompting a lockdown of the Belgian capital and heightened security across Europe. At least 34 people were reported dead, GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Belgium bombing 'surreal'

BELGIUM

#### **Native** Haligonians are safe, but remain on alert



Yvette d'Entremont Metro Halifax

At the exact time the explosion struck the Maelbeek metro station during Tuesday's terrorist attacks in Brussels, Belgium, Seth Montgomery would usually have been there.

"I'm two stops from the metro. I'm on the avenue that it leads into so it's about one kilometre away from where we are — and I was due to be there at the time," the former Halifax resident said during a telephone interview.

The metro explosion occurred shortly after twin blasts ated their devices.

"Because of the airport (explosions), my wife works for the government so there's a bit of a heightened sense of security with their employees," Montgomery said, explaining why he stayed away from the metro during Tuesday's morning rush hour.

"As soon as something happens it's just, 'stay where you are' even before the police tell you to...It's a pretty frightening thing to think about."

As Montgomery described his proximity to Tuesday's events, he stepped out onto his deck.

"It has been busy (with sirens) all day and still I am right now on my deck and I don't know if you can hear it but there are helicopters going right overhead," he said.

Montgomery has lived in Brussels with his family for the past 10 years. He described

rocked Zaventem Airport after the Belgians as a very resilitwo suicide bombers deton- ent people and said they were pen following the March 18 arrest of Salah Abdeslam in Brussels.

> Abdeslam was the most wanted suspect in connection with the Paris attacks last November.

> "I think everyone was expecting this to be honest. When you talk with people, it was all about a matter of time," he said of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

"There's a lot of determination to not play by their rules. to not be terrorized."

Former Dartmouth resident Lee Rosky and his wife have lived in Brussels with their two children for three years. They teach at the International School of Brussels, where Rosky is athletic director and his wife teaches Grade 6.

The school is about a 15-minute drive from the airport, and even closer to the

"You could hear the sirens waiting for something to hap- out there in the distance for most of the day. I think I'd describe it as more surreal than being in shock," Rosky said via telephone.

> Rosky said it was around 8:30 a.m. Brussels time when they first heard about the suicide bombers at the airport, followed by news of the metro explosion.

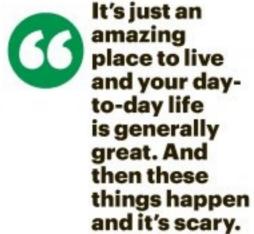
> "It really kind of struck home when one of the members of our community, an alumni and a former basketball player here, was prominently displayed in the news," he said.

> "BBC showed him very seriously injured at the airport and that was really where it sort of dawned on all of us that this was for real and this was something different. From second hand we've heard he has come out of surgery and he is recovering but he almost lost his leg."



I don't think anyone expects it to (go back to normal) for weeks. You can be resilient but you also have to be smart.

Seth Montgomery



Lee Rosky



TORONTO MAYOR

**Rob Ford** 

a man of

the people, Savage says

After asking for a moment of silence for the death of

Rob Ford at the beginning of

Tuesday's meeting of regional council, Halifax Mayor Mike Savage remembered the former Toronto mayor as a man of the people — albeit one with a very different style

"I don't like his style as

"I would have no affection for the overall way that he

did his politics, other than that connection with people,

and his belief in trying to be

at a meeting of the big city mayors in Ottawa in 2014.

and created a bit of a stir,"

he said, before telling Sav-

age that he wanted to help

him get a football team for

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Bizarre

incident

on Hwy. 7

Yvette

An East Preston man is facing

several charges, including kid-

napping and impaired driving,

following an incident along

d'Entremont

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Halifax.

Savage remembered one of the two times he met Ford,

"He came in a little bit late

a good representative."

mayor, but he certainly had

a connection with people," Savage told reporters outside the meeting on Tuesday.

from his own.

# Arts and culture hub may return to city's downtown

COMMUNITY

## **Council invites** proposals for sale of Khyber building



Renovations to get the Khyber building back up and running as an arts and culture hub in downtown Halifax could start in the next two years, now that regional council has voted to sell the building at 1588 Barrington St. as a community interest property.

At its meeting on Tuesday, the choice before regional council was to either sell the building under that stream, which would see it sold for less than market value, or under the economic development stream, which would see it sold at market value.

"Given what is available in the toolbox of city staff, (it's) the only way that they can dispose of the building with a below market value sale," said Emily Davidson, secretary of the 1588 Barrington Building Preservation Society after the vote Tuesday.

Her group submitted a proposal to the municipality late last year hoping that it could buy the building for \$1, but an administrative order means an open call for proposals and a community hearing must be held before surplus HRM property can be sold off. That process will take 18 to 24 months.

"It's just part of the way that city bureaucracy works," Davidson said.

The direction taken by council on Tuesday means other groups can submit proposals for the building, though Coun. Wave Mason said it's unlikely a better proposal will come



The Khyber building in downtown Halifax is shown on Tuesday, JEFF HARPER/METRO

"Something fabulous may come forward, but the fact of the matter is that what makes the 1588 proposal viable is that they have the relationship with the Neptune," he said.

The group's partnership with Neptune Theatre means it can add an elevator and fire escape without compromising the interior space.

Davidson said the partnership is "integral to our vision"

almost 25 years and we want to keep it there.

We want to keep the life and the art downtown, and

the Khyber's been an important historic part of that for

for the building which is "wonderful, but frankly awkward from a design perspective."

Davidson said her group will likely be submitting the same proposal for the building that it did last fall. That plan details how the group will pay for \$3 million in renovations to the building, including a budgeted \$200,000 contribution it hopes to get from the city, plus a combined \$1.5 million from the other two levels of government.

"We really want to see that cornerstone of Barrington Street reopened again and activated and we believe our proposal is an excellent way to do that," Davidson said.

#### Highway 7 on Monday. Shortly before noon, a vehicle went off the highway. Police said two passersby who witnessed the collision helped the lone male driver get out of

his vehicle.

A female motorist also stopped to offer her assistance. Her two-year-old child was in the back of the vehicle.

Police say the male jumped into the female's vehicle and demanded she drive him to the Sobeys in Cole Harbour. The woman drove the man to his requested destination. When he left her vehicle, she called police. Neither the woman nor her child was injured.

RCMP officers took Sherlock Jaydee Downey, 39, of East Preston into their custody without incident.

#### **COUNCIL NOTEBOOK**

#### Council leaves deed transfer tax unchanged

After a lengthy debate at its meeting on Tuesday, Halifax regional council voted to keep with the status quo for its deed transfer tax regime.

The tax of 1.5 per cent of the price of a property applies any time one is sold, and the municipality plans to make \$32 million off of it this year.

Coun. Waye Mason

A report from staff tabled Tuesday recommended keeping with the status quo, as to not disrupt an important revenue stream for the municipality.

The report also included, however, alternatives to waive or spread out the tax for first time homebuyers.

This was an attractive option for many councillors, who argued that a change could stimulate the housing market, but council voted in the end to keep the tax intact. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

#### Staff to look at free **Election Day bus service**

Like many issues in council

chambers, a motion to ask for a staff report on free bus service on Election Day turned into a debate about the gap between urban and rural services on Tuesday.

Coun. Matt Whitman put the motion forward, suggesting the more ways to bring people to the polls this coming October, the

But some suburban and rural councillors argued the move was just a publicity stunt, and would only benefit urban constituents while costing

the municipality money. Council voted to have staff look at the proposal, including how much would be lost at the fare box. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO





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Halifax Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith says he doesn't want to see fighting end in the QMJHL. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

# Smith drops gloves in fighting debate

#### Mooseheads owner stands firm on stance in divisive issue



Kristen Lipscombe Metro | Halifax

If elbows to the head and hard body checks are causing most concussions and spinal cord injuries in hockey, Halifax Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith wants to make sure dangerous plays such as those aren't happening to his

Smith wants to keep fighting in the major junior game, an argument he makes in an opinion piece published March 18 in The Globe and Mail, entitled, "End to fighting would not make hockey a safer game."

"Not very many concussions are caused by fighting," Smith told Metro on Tuesday, adding about 70 per cent are actually caused by both legal and illegal hits.

"We've got very few injuries in hockey coming from fighting and I think that we have to be really careful if we think we can take fighting out of hockey, and everything else is going to stay the same," Smith said.

Smith wanted to share his perspective with Globe readers in response to a recent story on former London Knights enforcer Robert Frid, who is permanently disabled at age 41 due to dozens of concussions suffered over the seasons.



I'm concerned about the way the game is played on the ice and the safety of our players and I think we have a less safe game if we were to take fighting out of the game.

Halifax Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith

The story reignited arguments against fighting in the Canadian Hockey League.

"This is an article I felt needed to be written," Smith, who himself played in both the CHL and NHL, said of penning his opinion for the national newspaper.

"I called the sports editor, and said, 'Listen, you've had some interesting commentary on this issue, I'd like to weigh in,' and she said, 'That'd be terrific," Smith said.

"Their sports writers and even their editors probably don't agree with me, but hey, they gave me the forum to make my case."

In his editorial, Smith points to a 2013 study called Bodychecking Rules and Concussion in Elite Hockey, which showed

#### FEEDBACK

#### Players indicate they want fighting to stay: Smith

A 2012 poll indicated that 98 per cent of NHL players "were against eliminating fighting from hockey," Bobby Smith said, adding past Quebec Major Junior Hockey League franchise votes have resulted in 17-1 and 16-2 against getting rid of glove-dropping.

"There are things that can happen out on that rink and I don't want them happening in our league, and if eliminating fighting makes them more likely to happen, I've got no interest in eliminating fighting.'

that 8.8 concussions occurred per 100 NHL games, with 0.8 of that "attributed to fighting" and the other eight "caused by a variety of means," including bodychecking with head contact and no head contact.

"The statistics in all the studies show us how those concussions happen and it's the elbows to the heads, it's body checks, it's clean checks, it's dirty checks and in relatively few instances, it is fighting."

In fact, Smith argues, fighting holds players on both teams accountable for their actions during "a fast and physical game."

"All of us who (have played) know that that peer accountability is a very important way to control incidents on the ice," Smith said.

# Hockey fracas spurs probe

CONTROVERSY

#### Suspended coach claims linesman's actions offside

A minor hockey coach in Halifax is accusing a game official of taunting his team and later attacking a player during a recent game in P.E.I. that went horribly awry, prompting an RCMP investigation.

Mark Whidden, head coach of the Midget C Chebucto Chill, says he and three of his teenaged players have since been suspended indefinitely, pending completion of the Mounties' probe and a subsequent review by Hockey Nova Scotia.

Whidden says that process could take months if not years. He says that's why he's speak-

ing out. "These kids might never play hockey," he said in an interview Tuesday. "I think that under the circumstances that's completely

The RCMP in P.E.I. and Hockey P.E.I. did not respond to requests for comment, but a spokesman for Hockey Nova Scotia, Garreth MacDonald, said he was hopeful a resolution is not too far off.

The Halifax team, which includes players from 15 to 17 years old, was competing in Cornwall, P.E.I., on Feb. 20 when the Chill received what Whidden describes as an inordinate number of penalties in the first period.

One of the two linesmen was standing next to the Halifax team's bench when he made a series of sarcastic comments about the team, the coach says.

"The linesman was sort of

causing trouble with the kids on the bench," he said, adding that the official appeared to be at least 25 years old.

"The linesman isn't supposed to talk to the kids ... It's not very hard to egg on 16- and 17-year-old boys who are playing a hockey game and have their adrenalin up."

When one player told the linesman to "shut up," Whidden said he knew there'd be trouble.

"I could see this linesman with rage in his eyes lunge across the barrier," Whidden said, saying the official pushed his helmet against the player's face mask and swore.

When the player pushed back, the linesman attacked the player and was immediately struck by a

There's no way that the game could have gone on with that linesman still on the ice. Mark Whidden,

head coach Midget C Chebucto Chill



Mark Whidden, head coach of the Midget C Chebucto Chill hockey team, in his workshop in Halifax on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ANDREW VAUGHAN

second player and held in a headlock by a third, Whidden said.

"He punched my player in the head and started to throttle him," the coach said.

At that point, Whidden said he told the referee it would be wise to end the game to ensure safety. But the referee insisted he was in control of the game, and

he warned Whidden he would be suspended if the team was pulled off the ice.

"There's no way that the game could have gone on with that linesman still on the ice," Whidden said. "Had the game gone on, it would have gotten ugly in every direction."

As some parents walked on

the ice to tell their boys to leave the rink. Whidden said he decided the whole team should leave. Back in Halifax, a parent of one of the players complained to the RCMP, Whidden said.

The coach said his team was losing 4-1 in the closing minutes of the first period when the fracas broke out. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Man faces weapon charges

#### Brenlee **Brothers** For Metro | Halifax

Police have charged a Dartmouth man after he allegedly pointed a handgun at officers.

RCMP in Halifax say that at around 11:30 p.m. Sunday, they responded to a report of a man making death threats towards another person in Lower Sackville.

When officers arrived on scene, police say the suspect a weapon.

'pointed a handgun at officers," a release on Tuesday stated.

The RCMP, with the help of Halifax Regional Police, were able to arrest the man without incident. There were no injuries.

Paul Connolly, 45, is due in court on Wednesday to face 11 charges, including two counts of uttering death threats, and single counts of pointing a firearm, possession of a weapon dangerous to the public and assault with

In an interview Tuesday, RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Jennifer Clarke would not provide many specific details, but assured when officers are faced with this kind of situation, they are equipped to handle it.

"You automatically go right back to your training," said Clarke. "It's the kind of incident where your training just really kicks in and you react to what you see presented in front of you and you manage the situation."

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#### POLICE LOOKING FOR SUSPECT

#### Suspicious female driver approached girls: RCMP

Halifax police are looking for a suspicious woman who allegedly approached young girls in two separate incidents early Tuesday morning.

The first report came into police at about 7:50 a.m., from a witness who saw a vehicle stop near the corner of MacDougall Drive and Prince Street, and its driver talk to a girl walking on the sidewalk towards A.J. Smeltzer Junior High School in Lower Sackville.

The woman had the rear driver's-side door open, and according to the witness,

"the interaction gave ... the impression that the driver was asking the youth to get into the vehicle." The girl continued walking and the car drove away, according to a Halifax RCMP news release.

The second call was at about 8:15 a.m., when a girl told police she had been approached by a female driver at the corner of Stokil Drive and Nordic Crescent near Leslie Tomas Junior High School in Lower Sackville.

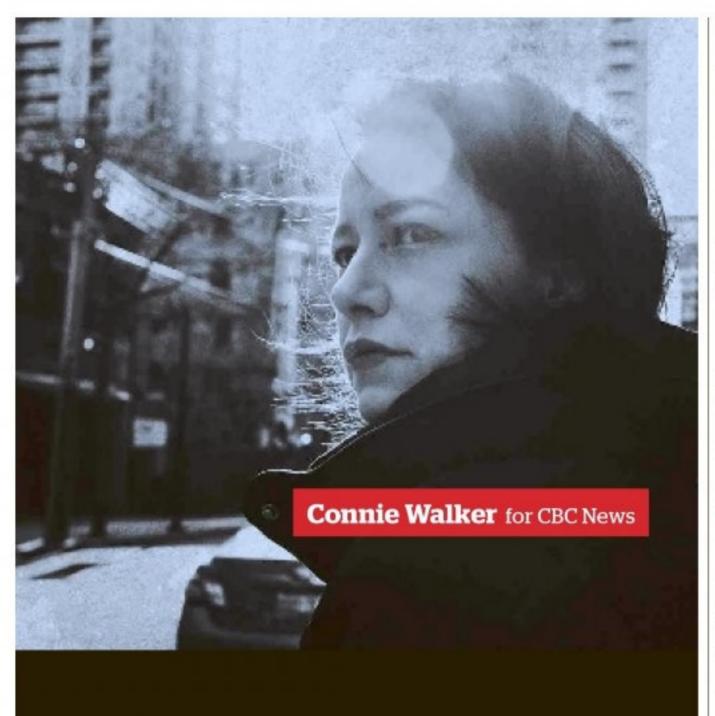
The girl reported that the vehicle had pulled up next to her and that a woman rolled down the rear passenger's side window.

"The female driver then spoke to the student over her shoulder, possibly saying 'get in the car,' or 'come on, get a drive," the RCMP news release said. The girl refused to get in the car and continued to school.

The suspect was described to police as having black or dark brown hair with tight curls. She was wearing large sunglasses at the time. The vehicle was described to police as being a newer-model dark grey or black four-door sedan such as a Toyota Corolla or Honda Civic. METRO

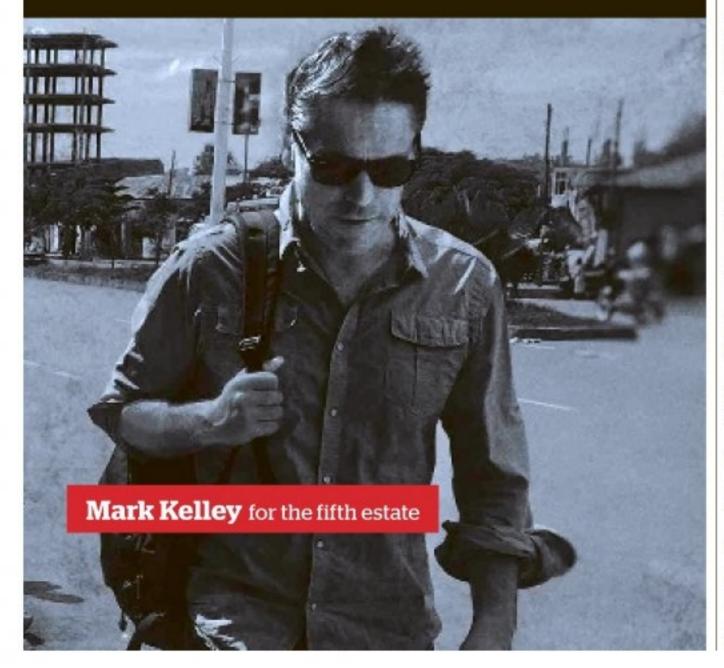
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Investigates





Doug Hillman is a self-taught taxidermist and artist. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# From skulls to sculpture

TAXIDERMY

#### Halifax man's hobby turns dead animals into art

**Brenlee Brothers** For Metro

Walking down the hall toward his Halifax apartment, Doug Hillman stopped in his tracks before opening the door.

"Sorry about the smell," he warned Tuesday. "Yesterday I was boiling walrus bones."

Inside Apartment 25, framed posters of Frankenstein and pictures of human anatomy cover the wall.

Across the room, above his desk, hangs the pelt of a zebra and the heads of two mounted reindeer.

Beside it, a stuffed coyote, rabbit and seal.

On a hook in the corner of the room hangs a white lab coat he wears while working.

Hillman is a self-taught taxidermist.

His bachelor apartment is filled with the skeletal remains of cats, lizards and rodents.

Other decor includes a stuffed duck wearing a handmade suit bearing a rose and a raccoon



A hog's skull that was mailed to Hillman and then preserved. JEFF HARPER/METRO

outfitted in a grey hoodie.

"I found out I had a knack for dressing up small animals," Hillman said.

He can't really sew, so he glues pieces of fabric together. He sells the stuffed and dressed animals online for upwards of \$1,000.

For the past seven years, Hillman has made a hobby out of turning roadkill into art.

"Until recently, I didn't call myself an artist," he said.

Growing up in Cape Breton, his father was a butcher. Hillman would often search the woods for cow skulls that his father had thrown away.

"I kind of got the love of na-ture through that ... For me, that's what the skeleton kind of meant."

The skeleton is an amazing thing in general, he said. "It's like nature's puzzle piece."

When Hillman performs taxidermy, he does it very quickly, so as not to spoil the animal remains.

First he skins the animal. He washes it up before cleaning the skin with borax, which helps dry it out. Then he moulds the shape of the body from tinfoil and covers it with thick wire. The head of the animal is sculpted out of foam. He puts it all together and slides the skin over the body. He puts it together as best he can and then pins the face in position until it dries.

"The smaller the skeleton, the more intricate it is," he said.

"I try to bring the dignity back as much as I can."





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#### Security upped for Chase the Ace draw

New sales locations, security measures and other protocols will be in effect when the Ashby Legion Chase the Ace draw resumes on Saturday.

Following the March 12 draw that saw two winning tickets the result of duplicates being sold — the Alcohol and Gaming Authority's division of Service Nova Scotia told local organizers to postpone the next draw until measures could be put in place to protect the game's integrity.

"We required the time last week to prepare for and manage logistics, as well as identify and implement new protocols, increased security measures and best practices," said Stephen Tobin, business development officer for Horizon Achievement Centre, in a press release.

"We have been working very closely with the province's gaming commission and we have worked incredibly hard over the last week to take all necessary steps that have allowed us to move forward in a manner that will protect our respective charities, the ticket purchasers and the integrity

of this important community fundraiser."

Specific steps taken to minimize the risk of duplication for future draws include retaining the services of a new custom ordered ticket supplier, retaining the services of a national accounting firm that will work in tandem with the new supplier to ensure that duplicate tickets are not supplied to organizers, and the implementation of new internal security measures that will help to prevent the possibility of fraudulent activity.

This week's estimated jackpot is \$1.3 million for the community fundraiser with only nine cards left to pick.

An increased security and policing presence will be noticed at all venues and tickets will be on sale between 2-6 p.m. at all locations. TO MEDIA



The draw will take place at approximately 7 p.m. and will be live streamed at chasetheacesydney.



A card is flipped in past Chase The Ace draw, TO MEDIA



Debbie and Budd Hancock celebrate their lotto win in a March 22 event in Wolfville. TO MEDIA

# Lotto promise kept better late than never

GOOD FORTUNE

#### Suitor's vow to win lottery fulfilled 18 years later

Budd Hancock keeps his prom-

When he first met his wife Debbie, Budd joked that, if she agreed to marry him, he'd win the lottery for her. Last week, he made good on that promise

when he won Atlantic Lottery's Set for Life Scratch'N Win ticket.

In front of friends and family on Tuesday, the Black River couple collected a lump sum payment of \$675,000 at the Privet House Restaurant.

"We've been married almost 18 years, so I'd been joking that



It's crazy really, how it worked out.

Debbie Hancock

Two men who pulled another

man from icy waters near Bad-

deck two years ago have received international recogni-

Steve Ross and Keiren Tomp-

kins have been awarded Car-

negie Medals for the rescue of

Justin Rouleau, who was just 21

when they came to his rescue

on a cold Saturday afternoon

tion for their efforts.

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he'd better get on it," Debbie said in a media release. "It's crazy really, how it worked out."

Budd plays regularly, but had to drive back to the lotto booth in the County Fair Mall in New Minas just to verify his win. Since then, he said, he has received lots of advice on what to do with his prize.

The Hancocks say they intend to pay off their vehicles and Budd is likely going to retire from his work at Kentville Toyota. Debbie says she thinks she'd like to contribute more \$675,000

The Hancocks' big win.

volunteer time.

The couple has no children, but Debbie says their two cats are likely to be even more spoiled now.

The Lotto Booth in New Minas will receive a one per cent sellers' prize. TO MEDIA

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in January 2014.

Before the Ross group turned to head back to his Baddeck cottage, he decided to take a picture of the falls.

That's when he noticed Rouleau's group climbing the face of the waterfall.

"It was frozen over, basically. You could see some water rushing around but for the most part it was frozen over," he said in a 2014 interview.

Ice waterfall rescuers honoured

"The young kid Julian was making his way down the hill and took his snowshoes off, and decided to slide the last 10-15 feet. When he slid down feet first he kind of punched a hole right through the ice and disappeared into the abyss."

Turns out Rouleau had fallen



I'll never forget, he said 'don't let go of me, man, don't let go of me.' We said 'we got you, we got you.

Steve Ross

into a hidden waterfall under

Rouleau's friends were high above the hole, looking for any sign of him when they noticed his jacket floating through the

Tompkins then poked his head into the hole, and while Ross and others held his legs. reached as far as he could. He saw Rouleau swirling around in the water, so stuck his pole in and poked him.

"The kid grabbed the pole and we could pull him towards us. He was about five feet away.

"Then Kieren got a hold of one hand and I got the other hand and we got his face out of the water

"I'll never forget, he said 'don't let go of me, man, don't let go of me.' We said 'we got you, we got you." TO MEDIA

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CONSTRUCTION WORKERS START THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD CBC BUILDING on the corner of South Park and Sackville streets in Halifax on Tuesday, JEFF HARPER/METRO

# HBC settles in racism complaint

GREENWOOD, N.S.

# Grandmother was allegedly accused of shoplifting

The Hudson's Bay Company has agreed to educate its staff on racial profiling as part of a settlement in the case of a now-deceased Nova Scotia grandmother allegedly accused of shoplifting a rug.

African Canadian Kathleen Viner filed a complaint with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission alleging that two employees discriminated against her at a now-closed Zellers store in Greenwood, N.S., in 2008. Viner, then a 77-year-old grandmother of 13, was stopped by a security guard "and made to feel she had stolen a rug," according to an affidavit from her daughters, Shelley and Donna.

Viner provided proof she had bought the rug, but the incident left her shaken, her daughters said. "She repeatedly cried about this incident. She lost sleep and had a loss of appetite," the daughters said in their affidavit. "It also bothered her greatly that the security guard yelled at her during the course of her being stopped and questioned." Viner died in 2011. Her daugh-

Viner died in 2011. Her daughters urged the commission's board of inquiry to hear the case anyway, and in 2012 it agreed.

On Tuesday, though, the commission and HBC — which owned the store — issued a joint statement saying they had settled the complaint. Hudson's Bay said it has agreed

Hudson's Bay said it has agreed to educate its Nova Scotia-based loss prevention officers about consumer racial profiling and train them appropriately. The company did not admit to any wrongdoing, but said it expects its staff to treat customers "in a dignified, fair and understanding manner."

"Discrimination, harassment or the use of inappropriate language or action is not tolerated in any circumstance, and that while we are satisfied that the two Zellers associates did not discriminate against Ms. Viner ... on the basis of race and/or colour, this settlement with the commission will conclude the complaint," said HBC spokeswoman Tiffany Bourre.

The commission said the complaint drew attention to the problem of consumer racial profiling, and it is working with retailers to address the issue through an education campaign.

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It's always preferable when parties are able to come to a mutually agreeable settlement in instances where discrimination is claimed to have occurred.

Christine Hanson, CEO



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## **ROB FORD: 1969-2016**

# The legacy will last



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Even when Rob Ford's appearances at Toronto City Hall became less and less frequent due to illness, the city's most infamous ex-mayor maintained a presence — a political influence that refused to quit. Ford's death on Tuesday at the age of 46 is unlikely to change that.

Despite a mayoralty that will be remembered most for all the things that happened away from his office, Ford's legacy within city hall has already shown itself to be strong. Much of it is related to the issues that defined Ford's brand of political populism: the sanctity of cars and subways, the inherent evils of taxation, the supposed existence of oodles of government waste.

With all such issues, too much decision-making continues to be shaped by a fear shared by several of his former council colleagues — especially those in the city's suburbs.

They worry that taking a position too contrary to those held by the former mayor will attract the rage of a group of voters: the "Ford Nation."

It's a tricky legacy. On one hand, it's enormously frustrating. So many of Ford's positions were based on feelings instead of facts. They made for disastrously bad policy decisions. But on the other hand, the fear of Ford works as a check on those who would assume the entire amalgamated city has bought into the virtue of transit, bikes, urbanism and : public services.



Rob Ford at his campaign launch in April 2014. The scandal-plagued former Toronto mayor has died of cancer at 46. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ex-mayor defied the odds

#### Politician was a penny pincher infamous for personal excess

For all his bad — which was considerable — Rob Ford left us with enough good to comfort his boosters.

Unique doesn't begin to describe the astonishing, incomprehensible, indecipherable headscratcher of a politician. Gaffes and impolitic indiscretions that would sink mere mortals seemed to conspire to elevate his status.

This was a man, without a college degree, who by most calculations would have been hard-pressed to ascend to the executive offices of the city's boardrooms; and yet, mayor of the country's largest city.

And for four years, the most (in)famous mayor in all the

Rarely has Toronto's name been on the lips of so many for so long and in so many far reaches of the world.

Wherever political scientists study voting phenomenon, they'll be stretched to explain how a young man from centralnorth Étobicoke - a simple man trading on the means of his politician-turned-businessman father - could parlay such limited recognizable skills into securing the votes of so many of the most fickle of customers.

Rob Ford seemed always to defy the odds. He seemed to live by his own rules. Exploding grenades didn't shatter his façade, they propelled him into the air. The more he sank into the morass of personal excess — the alcohol and drugs — the more entrenched, though narrowed,

his appeal.

He called black voters by the most vile smears and many of the targeted defended him with vigour. He relished in his efforts to cut and contain spending — money needed to fix up social housing — yet would go on scripted trips into brokenmoney. I'm not going to waste it."

When Ford raised taxes, his subjects shrugged. Must have been unavoidable, they thought. If he blurred lines between public business and private pursuits, like his own charitable foundation or the interest of a corporation, his public detected

tious while shy, he represented the imperfections in all of us, even those of us who despised him for it.

His singular appeal as a politician was "customer service." He answered the phone calls of his constituents. Personally. He showed up to their door to attend to their little problems. And constituents never forgot that.

Even when Ford's behaviour became contemptible and evoked apologies from Ford himself, none was needed. They were standing by their guy.

They call it retail politics. And Rob Ford was so successful in growing the brand that his brother, Doug, almost rode it to victory in the last municipal election.

Rob Ford was Toronto's 64th

#### Exploding grenades didn't shatter his façade, they propelled him into the air.

down social housing units to show how much he cared about the beleaguered residents.

If he was a one-trick pony, the crowd at the carnival seemed mesmerized every time. In more than 15 years of municipal politics, Ford never lost an election. His singular appeal was his message that never grew old and never lost appeal:

"You can trust me with your

no whiff of scandal, no scent of graft or greed. Such is the unassailable brand the politician carefully nurtured. He takes it to the grave, intact.

Ford's genius — crafted or naturally acquired — is that he connected with the average guy.

Bumbling, stumbling, a bit off kilter, never well-dressed. rumpled, a bit awkward, politically incorrect, overweight, bumpmayor, the third after the controversial and forced amalgamation that created the megacity in 1998. He will not be forgotten any time soon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Transit, garbage, plastic bags: A complicated legacy on policy



Ford attends an executive committee meeting at city hall in May 2013. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In his four-year term as mayor, Rob Ford was at the centre of many well-documented scandals, both personal and political. His legacy on policy at city hall is just as complicated.

#### SUCCESSES

TTC as an essential service: Ford, fresh off an election win, successfully saw council request the province declare the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), the city's public transport agency, as an essential service and prevent further labour disruptions. Privatizing garbage: After promising to contract out garbage citywide, Ford claimed victory for contracting out just one west-end district when council approved that move in 2011.

Subways: Ford's ongoing mission to put all-new transit underground served up one victory in October 2013 when council voted to scrap plans for a fully funded LRT in the east end and build a three-stop subway instead a decision that cost the city at least \$75 million in lost work. Today plans have changed again to a questionable one-stop subway still being debated at council.

#### MISSTEPS

Subways: After declaring former mayor David Miller's light-rail plan dead as his first official act as mayor, Ford put forward his own subways-heavy transit plan for council approval. But he failed to garner council support and the plan was defeated in February 2012, with council largely backing a return to most of the original light rail plan.

Plastic bags banned: Though not a campaign promise, Ford decided he wanted to end a mandatory five-cent fee for plastic shopping bags in 2010, a plan

that spectacularly backfired when council actually voted to ban plastic bags when it came to a vote in 2012. Council later abandoned the ban on bags.

Land transfer tax: Ford vowed to scrap the land transfer tax on home purchases, which brings in hundreds of millions in city revenues annually. But after finding a lack of support on council, Ford later changed that promise to reducing the tax by at least 10 per cent. He was never able to scrap or reduce the tax, which remains in place.

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## **ROB FORD: 1969—2016**

# 'Unforgettable guy,' international icon

#### In death as in life, ex-mayor trends globally

News of Rob Ford's death garnered reaction from news organizations across the world.

The former mayor, who died Tuesday morning after battling cancer, became an international icon during his time in office.

As Ford family representatives confirmed he had died at 46, breaking news notices were tweeted along with short obituaries from the BBC and Reuters and the term "Rob Ford" became a trending topic on Facebook and Twitter.

Major American media outlets including CNN, NBC and CBS all featured stories about Ford's life and death on their homepages as top stories.

A media release from the Associated Press and carried by

news organizations across the United States described Ford as a "pugnacious, populist former mayor" who "cast an image sharply at odds with Canada's reputation for sedate, unpretentious politics."

Late night television host Jimmy Kimmel, who interviewed Ford on his show in 2014 sent his condolences to Ford's family and fans on Twitter calling him an "unforgettable guy who loved his job and city like few men I've met."

A controversial figure, Ford's death made headlines on a wide range of website homepages from TMZ to Time, which referred to the former mayor as a "conservative who brought bombast to the buttoned-up world of Toronto politics."

A testament to his appeal beyond politics, star-watching websites like Rolling Stone, Variety and the Hollywood Reporter also ran short features about the one-term mayor, with the Re-

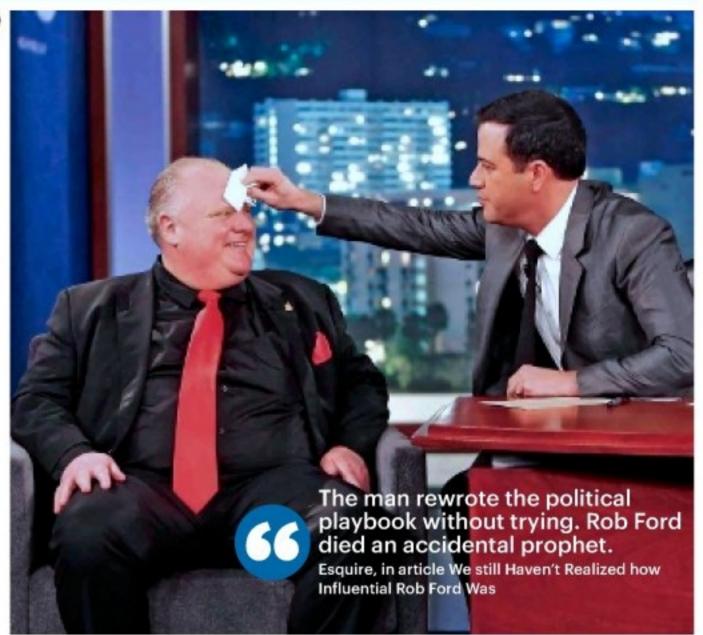
porter calling him the "former Toronto mayor with a Reality TV persona."

Esquire, meanwhile, took a different tack with a story titled, We still Haven't Realized how Influential Rob Ford Was.

The piece was based on the idea that the "next Rob Ford" could be the President of the United States and credits Ford with an accidental political revo-

"The man rewrote the political playbook without trying. Rob Ford died an accidental prophet," it reads before briefly comparing Ford's political approach to that of current Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Celebrities also weighed in on the loss, including former professional wrestler the Iron Sheik, who famously marched into city hall to challenge Ford to an arm-wrestling match which the then-mayor declined. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



A scene from Rob Ford's famous Jimmy Kimmel Live appearance on March 3, 2014 as host Jimmy Kimmel wipes his forehead. Kimmel described him as a "guy who loved his job and city like few men I've met." ABC HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## **THE 2016 FEDERAL BUDGET**

# Liberals make it rain

#### Child benefit, native welfare cornerstones of huge spend

Justin Trudeau's Liberals are opting to spend heavily in their first budget to deliver the "bold, transformative" change they say is needed to put Canadians on firm footing for the future.

The Liberal budget unveiled Tuesday calls for new spending in the billions of dollars for aboriginal communities, middleclass families, transit upgrades and social housing in cities and towns across Canada. It provides more cash for children and their parents, poor seniors, unemployed Canadians and injured

For all that, Canada's finances will go deep into the red for the next five years as Liberals set aside election pledges to contain deficit spending.

Instead, the government said it will take advantage of low interest rates to borrow money and spend nearly \$30 billion more this year than it takes in as revenue.

The Liberals had vowed to keep the deficit to no more than \$10 billion and to eliminate it by the end of their mandate. Tuesday's budget predicts a deficit of \$14.3 billion in 2020-21.

The plan unveiled by Finance Minister Bill Morneau doesn't set out how or when the books will be balanced, although he told reporters if growth is better than forecast, the country could be back in the black in five years.

"Some (projects) are urgently needed and require the government to act quickly. But in every case, investments will be made with a focus on long-term value so that Canadians will reap the benefits far into the future," Morneau said in the House of Commons.

He stressed the Liberals' priority was to grow the middle class - the title he gave to the 269-page document.

He told the Commons that the Liberal plan — which will

see the deficit grow to \$29.4 billion in 2016-17 - is "reasonable and affordable."

At the core of the Liberal strategy is the Canada Child Benefit, some \$5 billion in new spending a year that Morneau boasted was a social program to rival universal health care.

"It will lift hundreds of thousands of kids up from poverty," Morneau said.

Morneau did not deliver a promised small-business two



Bill Morneau, right, with Justin Trudeau as he makes his way to deliver the budget. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

percentage point tax cut.

Morneau also declared he was "most proud" of the new investment in indigenous communities, saying the more than \$8 billion pledged over five years for education, nursing stations, housing and sewer and water treatment is more than the \$5 billion promised by a previous Liberal

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ment cancelled that agreement.

The defence department will see its capital spending deferred as the budget delays \$3.7 billion for big-ticket capital projects, confirmation that new military hardware remains years away.

**2016-17 DEFICIT** 

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ernment's Kelowna Accord in 2005. The Conservative govern-

# Building boom yet to arrive

Luke Simcoe Metro Toronto

If you were expecting Tuesday's federal budget to usher in a new golden age of infrastructure in Canada, you're going to have to wait a little longer, experts say.

The Liberals campaigned on investing \$60 billion in infrastructure over 10 years. The "first phase" of that plan only includes \$11.9 billion over five years.

"I think it's a down payment on the infrastructure needs of our cities," said University of Toronto planning professor Matti Siemiatycki.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities estimates that national infrastructure backlog tips the scales at \$123 billion.

Siemiatycki applauded the de-cision to allow federal money to be spent on maintenance, rather than just new projects.

"We need to emphasize getting our house in order," he said.

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## **THE 2016 FEDERAL BUDGET**

# Big-city mayors feeling the love

It's a very positive signal ... that they understand that there are a number of municipalities that don't have the full financial capacity to pay for all these projects.

Today, the federal government released a budget that recognizes cities like Toronto are the very best investment that our government of Canada can make.

I'm very pleased to hear there is ... investment in infrastructure as well as investments in indigenous communities and for indigenous Canadians.



Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson



Toronto Mayor John Tory



Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman

I've been saying for some time the best thing governments can do in this economic downturn is to keep building.

I think the investments in infrastructure in cities are significant and the signals are there that they're going to grow over time.

It's a good down payment on many fronts. It shows their commitment to supporting cities.



Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson





Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson

#### Tories' kid benefits transformed

The Liberal government is delivering on its promise to help parents with the high cost of raising children by scrapping some Conservative family-friendly measures in favour of a more streamlined and tax-free Canada Child Benefit.

"The Canada Child Benefit is the most significant social policy innovation in a generation," Finance Minister Bill Morneau said Tuesday in his speech to the House of Commons.

The new program coming into effect July 1 rolls four former

benefits - including the Universal Child Care Benefit and the income-splitting scheme for twoparent households the Conservatives brought in last year - into a single monthly payment the Liberal government promises is both more generous and better targeted to families that need it.

The Canada Child Benefit will provide an annual benefit of up to \$6,400 per child under the age of six and up to \$5,400 per child for those between the ages of six and 17.

The benefit is geared to house-

hold income, with families making less than \$30,000 annually in net income getting the maximum benefit.

"That is money in the pockets of mom and dad. Money that can go directly to eating healthier food, paying the rent and buying new clothes for back-to-school," Morneau said.

The new measure comes with a net cost of \$22.4 billion over five years, with \$9.89 billion of the cost coming in the first two years of the program.

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## **TERRORIST ATTACK ON BRUSSELS**

# Fear is part of life in Europe

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#### Cities spared violence so far watching in trepidation

Paris, Copenhagen, Brussels. In just over a year three European capitals have been ravaged by bombs and gunfire.

After each attack life slowly returns to normal. But it's a new normal for Europe, where terror alerts are always on high and where people in cities so far spared major violence assume it's a matter of when, not if.

"With each atrocity that occurs we change," said Ian Duncan, a Scottish member of the European Parliament in Brussels. "We become less open. We pull down barriers and close doors. But it is a direction we are following now."

The carnage in Brussels on Tuesday came as Europe was still reeling from the November attacks in Paris that killed 130 people. In the following months France and Belgium



A Belgian soldier patrols outside Brussels Central Station as people are allowed in groups of ten to reach the station to catch their commuter train following attacks in Brussels. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

have looked like countries at least partially at war, with soldiers in the streets, lockdowns and deadly shootouts with militants.

The rest of Europe has watched with trepidation.

"These were attacks in Belgium. They could just as well be attacks in Britain or France or Germany or elsewhere in Europe," British Prime Minister David Cameron told the BBC on Tuesday. He said Brit-

ain's threat level remains "severe," meaning an attack is considered highly likely.

French President Francois Hollande said the attacks targeted all of Europe and he warned of a long "war" ahead. Though people in Western Europe have dealt with the threat of violence from Muslim extremists as well as homegrown nationalist and revolutionary movements for decades, the idea that a "war" is playing out in their streets is hard to imagine. But the recent frequency and scale of attacks have made some Europeans feel that it's just something they have to get used to.

In Moscow, security has been tightened notably at everyday locations in the wake of a series of attacks in the past 15 years. There are metal detectors at the entrances to all subway stations, all passenger rail stations do luggage scans, most indoor shopping centres have metal detectors and glowering guards. Airports do luggage scans at the entrance.

In Western Europe people are more reluctant to trade civil liberties and an open society for more security. But after each attack that equation changes, at least temporarily, said Catherine Muller, of the Institute of Development Studies in Brighton, England.

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DEFLANCE

# Show of solidarity in chalk

A pedestrian strip outside the stock exchange in Brussels became a colourful canvas of support and defiance after Tuesday's deadly bombings as those wanting to show solidarity chalked messages — in French, Flemish, English, Arabic and Cyrillic script and more.

A few thousand people were gathered at Brussels' Place de la Bourse late Tuesday to draw more messages and light candles. One group broke into Edith Piaf's "Hymne a L'amour" (Hymn to Love) as onlookers applauded. Next, they sang the Belgian national anthem, in both French and Flemish.

Many of the drawings were joyous, with slogans like "Spread love," "Live and Let Live" and "Love is my religion." Others were more political: "Stop this war in Syria," or simply raw — one small message read: "I'm scared."

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Solidarity messages outside the stock exchange in Brussels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### UNITED STATES

## Security stepped up over fears of copycat attacks

The Obama administration stepped up security at major transit hubs across the country after Tuesday's airport and subway bombings in Brussels, as top U.S. intelligence officials warned of the risk for copycat attacks at home. President Barack Obama vowed to help Belgium track down those responsible for the deadly explosions.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson stressed there is no "specific, credible intelligence" pointing to a similar plot in America, but he said the Transportation Security Administration would deploy additional security at major airports and rail stations in different cities. Officials also reviewed additional security measures for travellers from Belgium, among more than three dozen countries whose citizens generally don't need a visa to enter the U.S.

Several Americans were in-

jured in Brussels, including an air force officer and his wife and four children who were at the airport. The service member is stationed at Joint Force Command Brunssum.

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SPECIAL EDITION 17

#### Terrorist organization will be referred to as 'Daesh'

Starting today, Metro will refer to terrorist organization ISIS or ISIL by the title Daesh: In longform Arabic, al-Dawla al-Islamiya fi al-Iraq wa al-Sham.

Daesh itself has abandoned the shortened term because it is too close to the Arabic words that mean "one who crushes underfoot," or "sowers of discord." It's also similar to the word for bigot. Those translations are much closer to the truth, and have the added benefit that "Daesh" insults, rather than flatters, the group. METRO

#### TESTIMONY

#### Canadian tourists' reactions

Quebec actress Salome Corbo was checking in at the Air Canada counter when the first blast rocked Brussels' airport in Tuesday's terror attacks that killed dozens in the Belgian capital.

In the ensuing chaos as she fled, Corbo says she came close to where the second explosion went off.

"It was very spectacular," she told Cogeco Nouvelles. "I was right near the second blast. I heard the first one, quickly tried to get away and the second one was nearby, right near me. I've had this buzzing in my ear I can't get rid of."

Corbo, one of many Canadians caught up in the maelstrom, said she immediately realized it was a terrorist attack

Ottawa native Thorfinn Stainforth said he was in a taxi approaching the terminal when his driver got a message from a dispatcher advising of a bomb alert at the airport. They kept going, but then emergency crews began arriving in droves and they pulled over as traffic snarled.

"We didn't see any smoke, we didn't see any panicked people, we just saw a lot of security cars and people everywhere," said Stainforth.

"If we had been probably 10 minutes earlier we would have been exactly where the bombing was. From that sense I fell pretty shaken up, but pretty lucky."

Canadian Michelle Betz, who flew in to the airport about an hour before the first bombing there, said she passed Maelbeek subway station, which was also attacked, in a cab en route to her hotel.

"So just missed that one as well, thank goodness," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# TERMINOLOGY (In this time of tragedy' repred to as 'Daesh' In this time of tragedy'

#### At least 34 dead after two explosions in airport, subway

Islamic extremists struck Tuesday in the heart of Europe, killing at least 34 people and wounding scores of others in back-to-back bombings of the Brussels airport and subway that again laid bare the continent's vulnerability to suicide squads.

Bloodied and dazed travellers staggered from the airport

after two explosions — at least one blamed on a suicide attacker and another reportedly on a suitcase bomb — tore through crowds checking in for morning flights. About 40 minutes later, another blast struck subway commuters in central Brussels near the Maelbeek station, which sits amid the European Commission headquarters.

Authorities released a photo taken from closed-circuit TV footage of three men pushing luggage carts, saying two of them apparently were the suicide bombers and that the third — dressed in a light-colored coat, black hat and glasses - was at large. The two

men believed to be the suicide attackers apparently were wearing dark gloves on their left hands.

In its claim of responsibility, the Daesh group said its members detonated suicide vests both at the airport and in the subway.

Belgium raised its terror alert to the highest level, shut the airport through Wednesday and ordered a citywide lockdown, deploying about 500 soldiers onto Brussels' largely empty streets to bolster police checkpoints.

In police raids across Brussels, authorities later found a nailfilled bomb, chemical products and a Daesh flag in a house in the Schaerbeek neighbourhood,

the state prosecutors' office said in a statement.

German police say three Kosovars who are suspected of possible links to an extremist network have been arrested on the Munich-Salzburg highway in the south of the country. However, the criminal police office said that there are no indications at this point of any link with the attacks.

"In this time of tragedy, this black moment for our country, I appeal to everyone to remain calm but also to show solidarity," said Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel.

President Barack Obama has ordered that all American flags

in the U.S. be flown at half-staff through Saturday out of respect.

The U.N. Security Council has strongly condemned the attacks and urged intensified regional and international efforts "to overcome terrorism and violent extremism."

The Security Council also underlined the need to bring those responsible for "these reprehensible acts of terrorism to justice."

Police are calling on people who may have filmed images from the attacks on the city airport and subway to assist with the investigation.

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#### **BELGIUM MOBILIZES**

High security measures-Police forces make searches inside the North station in Brussels.

Suspects' photos released— A picture released by the Belgian federal police shows the suspects.

💟 Videos surface — This image grab from a video by RTL TVI shows people lying on the floor after the blast.

LL PHOTOS: AFP/GETTY IMAGES

#### **ZAVENTEM BOMBING**

#### Witnesses describe blood, dust, chaos in airport

More than two dozen people were killed Tuesday when bombs exploded in Belgium's capital - two at the main international airport and one on a downtown subway train near European Union headquarters.

Witnesses described chaotic scenes of blood, dust and flying glass as the blasts hit transport hubs in the middle of a busy rush hour. Here are some of their accounts:

Entrepreneur Marc Noel, 63, was awaiting a flight from Brussels to Atlanta when he decided to buy some automobile magazines for the flight - an act he thinks may have saved his life. He was in an airport shop when the first explosion struck about 45 metres away, bringing

down a chunk of the ceiling. "People were crying, shouting, children. It was a horrible experience," said Noel, a Belgian who lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. "I don't want to think about it, but I would probably have been in that place when the bomb went off."

He said a second blast hit 10 to 15 seconds later.

This feel likes war - fire engines, police everywhere," said Noel, as he and hundreds of other passengers toting their hand luggage were evacuated to the town of Zaventem.

"I was as close as I could be to the other side," he told the AP. "It hasn't happened yet. I guess it's not my hour."

Georgian journalist Ketevan Kardava was lining up for a flight to Geneva just after 8 a.m. when, she said, something black and suitcase-shaped exploded in front of the Delta Air Lines counter nearby. She said the glass walls shattered and smoke filled the air.

"Everything was broken," she said. "We were crying, shouting,



Journalist Ketevan Kardava was in an airport line during the attack. TWITTER.COM

running we didn't know where." Minutes later, amid the chaos,

a second explosion sounded, she said. By then, chaos had enveloped the terminal building and she could see very little.

Anthony Deloos, who works for check-in and baggage services firm Swissport, said the first blast hit near a counter where passengers pay for overweight luggage.

Twenty meters from us we heard a big explosion," he said. "It's like when you're in a party and suddenly your hearing go out, from like a big noise." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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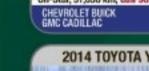






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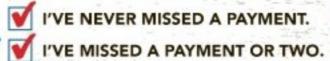


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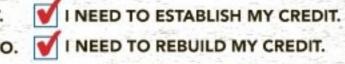


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# Emoji fans crying tears of joy

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#### Brands trying to monetize Oxford's word of the year

When it comes to emojis, the future is very, very ... Face with Tears of Joy.

If you don't know what that means, then you: a) aren't a 14-year-old girl; b) love to hate those tiny pictures that people text you all the time; or c) are nowhere near a smartphone or online chat.

Face with Tears of Joy, by the way, is a bright yellow happy face with a classic, toothy grin as tears fall. It was chosen by Oxford Dictionaries as its 2015 "word" of the year, based on its popularity and reflecting the rise of emojis to help charitable causes. promote businesses and assist us in expressing ourselves on social media and in texts.

So what's it all about? Here's a look at the past, present and rosy future of emojis:

#### Where did they come

In tech lore, the great emoji explosion has a grandfather in Japan and his name is Shigetaka Kurita. He was inspired in the 1990s when he and others on a team working to develop what is considered the world's first widespread mobile Internet platform came up with some rudimentary characters. They were working a good dec-



The face was chosen by Oxford Dictionaries as its 2015 "word" of the year, based on its popularity and reflecting the rise of emojis to help charitable causes, promote businesses and generally assist in further expressing ourselves on social media and texts. ISTOCK

ade before Apple developed a set of emojis for the first iPhones.

#### The emoji overseers

Back when Kurita was creating some of the first emojis, chaos ensued in trying to make pagers, the emerging mobile phones and the newfangled thing called email

speak to each other. Enter the Unicode Consortium.

At the moment, Unicode has released 1,624 emojis, with more options when you factor in modifiers for such things as skin tone. The emoji subcommittee fields about 100 proposals for new emojis a year. Not all make it through the vetting process.

#### **Emoji lovers and haters**

Elle Brown, a nine-year-old entrepreneur from Florida, makes emoji-themed jewelry and key fobs that she sells at school and church.

While marketers are all over emojis, professional brander Kevin Winslow in Idaho was a reluctant adopter.

"It didn't seem to me like

something a grown-up would use," he said. "Now they're a necessity in social-media campaigns.

Vivian Rosenthal is founder and head of Snaps, a platform on which keyboards full of branded images are launched, including marketing campaigns intended to support social causes, such as the plight

of refugees. With nearly half of all Instagram posts now including at least one emoji, brands are trying big time to monetize emojis, Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal estimated somewhere around six billion emojis and stickers are sent every day.

#### **Emojis and the youngins**

Clearly, emojis are the darlings of the millennial and Gen Z generations. Other age groups are in the game, but Tayfun Karadeniz said age isn't the entire story. He's the founder and head of EmojiXpress, an app for iOS that supplies users with every emoji available in the Unicode Standard.

Of roughly 50 million downloads of his app over the last three years, 80 per cent of his users are female.

Are they just about the fun? Are we now dependent on emojis?

"I wouldn't say our society would break down if we didn't have them, but you could also ask why do we need art, why do we need TV shows?"

Akash Nigam, the 23-year-old co-founder and chief executive of Blend, a group messaging app focused on millennials and Gen Z-ers, thinks emoji use among those age groups has a slightly more urgent element.

They're integral to their daily lives," he said. "With this audience, it's kind of like the punch line. Whoever uses the most unique emojis alongside a very witty text kind of gets the most kudos.... Yeah, you could paint a picture or write an essay, but it doesn't feel the same." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TELEVISION

# Watchdog waves licence stick Vancouver leads in over 'skinny basic' scofflaws traffic congestion

The head of Canada's broadcaster regulator says it's too soon to tell if Canadian TV service providers are respecting the spirit of the CRTC's new basic cable regulation, often referred to as skinny basic.

However, Jean-Pierre Blais hints that the CRTC has a big stick to wave for those who don't comply - television licence renewals.

"Most of the television services provider licences — their actual licences - are up for renewal in the short term," Blais, the CRTC's chairman and CEO, said in an interview following a speech Tuesday to the Canadian Marketing Association in Toronto.

"I don't even have to do enforcement action. Their licences are there in front of us."

The CRTC has been on the lookout for anti-consumer practices since the March 1 deadline requiring all cable and satellite TV service providers to offer basic cable packages capped at \$25 a month. Companies must also let consumers add on a la carte channels or pre-packaged bundles and must offer both of these options by December.

After cable companies rolled out their new offerings, some consumers expressed discontent at the packages, with the CRTC having received 600 calls on the issue since March 1.

However, it's too early to conclude that any of the companies are engaging in anticonsumer behaviour, he said.

As the new regulation is phased in, the CRTC continues to monitor company offerings. Already, Blais has noticed that some providers have tweaked their plans, likely because they were not adhering to the regulation or they weren't working well for consumers.

"Like in any industry, if the guy across the street is underselling you by 50 cents on a \$1.50 hamburger, you're going to change your prices ... or your attitude and offer something else," he said.

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TomTom estimates commu-

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An annual traffic survey reveals Vancouver remains Canada's most congested city, followed

by Toronto and Montreal, but the study shows all three are inching toward improvement.

The 2016 Tom-Tom Traffic Index finds the average time drivers waste sitting in traffic has dipped over the last year, with Vancouver motorists cutting their time in traffic jams by an average of four hours.

TomTom says Toronto drivers reduced their average time in traffic congestion by 11 hours, while Montreal drivers saved about 30 minutes.

The navigation and mapping product company credits infrastructure investments and

> better traffic management, noting the declines are the first in Vancouver since 2010, while Toronto and Montreal haven't seen drops since 2012.

> According to the traffic index, the Thursday evening rush hour is the most prone to nasty jams in most Canadian cities, but TomTom notes Ed-

monton, Quebec, Hamilton and Calgary are exceptions.

Calgary is also identified as the least congested city in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS



IN BRIEF

#### Air Transat pilots OK deal

Air Transat pilots have overwhelmingly approved a five-year collective agreement reached after more than a year of negotiations. The union says 91 per cent of the pilots voted, and 82 per cent supported the deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Most of the television services provider licences ... are up for renewal. Jean-Pierre Blais, CRTC's chairman

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#### ROSEMARY WESTWOOD A VERY BIG NEWS DAY

## WHEN OUR PURPOSE IS CLEAR

Sometimes, when a major story breaks, and then another major story breaks, and then a few medium-sized stories break - and all this happens before a long-scheduled announcement, which everyone thought would be the day's main story, is formally released - journalists are able to temporarily set aside their competitiveness and existential angst. For once, we're not trying to scoop each other and justify our existence. We know what needs doing - we just need to do it

The day began with the terrorist bombing in Brussels. A phone alarm ringing, the CNN breaking-news alert flashed red across the screen. At least 26 dead in two attacks (it would rise to 30), and many more injured.

The American network mocked for overplaying its breaking-news banner wasn't upselling this.

In the news business, it would be a big day. The kind of day where journalists around the world wrestle with one story, seek to make sense of one globally reverberating event. In their own ways, from their own perch on the world. Walking into work, you could imagine reporters in hundreds of cities, most especially in Europe, pushing open newsroom doors with the same questions on their mind: What happened in Brussels, how and why, and what will happen next? And how do we cover it?

How do we tell people what is going on?

Live-feeds began rolling: piecemeal and conflicting reports that slowly coalesced into a truer picture. Journalists hugged the bombing sites, reporting any and all details. One Sky News reporter was at the airport buying chocolate for his children, so close to the explosion that he could not only hear, but feel the blasts. "There was the smell — the sort of acrid smell of smoke. Instinctively we knew it was a terrorist attack. I didn't think it could be anything else," he later wrote.



It's in the wake of huge, emotionally charged stories like yesterday's violence in Brussels that the media most resembles the indispensable information commons that it purports to be. TWITTER

Then, by midday, Rob Ford's family had announced the popularyet-detested, controversial-yet-engrossing, former mayor had died

Tuesday was the kind of day that

feels worth it. When journalists aren't

outsized-in-so-many-ways

tolerated - they are needed. People need the context. They need the news.

after fighting the rare and aggressive form of cancer, pleomorphic liposarcoma.

Condolences from adversaries and friends flooded social media and were plucked by reporters to fill news-story soundbites. Colourful obituaries, the only kind imaginable for Ford, shot up on websites. Breaking-news specials, recorded in advanced, coopted national networks.

Rob Ford: 1969-2016. Twitter says some were

celebrating the death, but I never saw it. I saw photos of lineups at city hall, where mourners waited to sign a condolence book. My colleague Jessica Smith Cross, at the scene, found supporters "already missing Ford," who had come to remember "the people's mayor."

The Toronto Star, vilified by Ford during his tenure, used soft language to report his death and encapsulate his impact on

city politics. On national politics, really. Meanwhile, the family that managed to stay so out-of-the-headlines even while Ford was all the world could talk about, asked for privacy from the media.

They had lost a father/ brother/son/uncle, after all. While the rest of us had only lost an avatar.

Across Toronto, there was again the feeling of reporters - on death watch since news on Thursday that Ford was in palliative care - collectively breathing in, and publishing the best take they had on Ford's legacy.

How were his passionate, hyper-loyal acolytes Ford Nation — handling the news? What did his loss mean to them? Would they ever coalescence around a voice like that again? And are there other Rob Fords, in other Canadians cities, ready to upend politicsas-usual and unearth a hitherto silent but angry constituency?

Then: "F-k!" a colleague yelled, pushing back from his desk. "We have a pedestrian death, on top of everything."

By "everything," he also meant the much-anticipated federal budget, which, at around 4 p.m., pushed through many of the Liberals' campaign promises, billions on infrastructure, indigenous peoples and child care, along with something that wasn't promised: a much deeper deficit.

"Is the new Canada Child Benefit fair," one reporter tweeted, with a link to analysis, in one of hundreds of niche headlines to emerge. After the minister of finance finished his speech, premiers and mayors walked up to podiums to pronounce on their pet interests wrapped up in the \$300-billion budget, and the news cycle whirled on.

The day was a microcosm for our super-speed world, a tight 24 hours of information overload. "This might be the most newsy day of my entire career as a journalist," a desk mate quipped.

It was also the kind of day that feels worth it. When journalists aren't tolerated - they are needed. Something important has happened (or many things). People want to know what, exactly. People need the context. They need the

This is journalism's job. This was one of journalism's days. A day that saw less a competition among media outlets, than a collective effort to give our societies the desired facts: those essential building blocks of understanding, and agency.





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-ELLEN PAGE, DISCUSSING HER NEW VICELAND SHOW GAYCATION

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# Budget delivers artists a break

The Liberals are investing more than \$1.9 billion in arts and culture over the next five years. Beyond an additional \$575 million in cultural infrastructure funding (for museums and heritage sites), the budget allocates money to bodies that distribute grants and commission work. It's good news for young artists. MEGAN HAYNES/METRO

#### MACKENZIE DONALDSON FILMMAKER

Canadian cinema relies almost exclusively on grants and organizations like Telefilm or the Independent Production Fund for financing. But it can be hard for filmmakers to get in on the action. Mackenzie Donaldson, 28, personally financed her first two short films.

It wasn't until she came on board in 2014 to produce the critically acclaimed web series Whatever, Linda, which follows secretaries running a Ponzi scheme in the 1970s, that she was able to access any third-party financing. Her next project, a feature-length film based on a Susan Swan



LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

novel, just received funding from Telefilm.

"That money just makes it so much easier to carve out the time (to work on the film), pay our writers. Now this project has a future," says Mackenzie, of Toronto. "Competition (for funding) is fierce, but raising up the young producers and filmmakers in this country is vital for the future of Canadian cinema. It's hugely important that money exists."

#### JENNIFER CRIGHTON ARTIST

Calgary-based Jennifer Crighton, 35, isn't a starving artist. But she's not exactly rolling in the dough. The musician and visual artist has a salaried job with the Calgary International Film Festival, but her art shows only pay \$200 (which is not a lot considering how much work goes into creating her art), and music gigs inconsistently pay anywhere from \$50 to \$400.

But more funding at the federal level isn't necessarily going to change things, she says. Grants, one of the more common ways artist can access federal money, are difficult to get. What's

more, the funds usually only pay for the artistic project itself, leaving little to line the creators' pockets.

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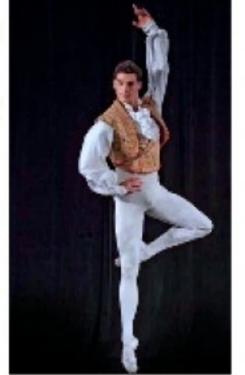
"It's hard to make good work if you're worried about paying for it," she says. "The best way to make sure you're getting good work is to guarantee the artists' fees first."

#### **KEATON LEIER DANCER**

Keaton Leier, a 19-year-old from Saskatoon, is in his final year of training at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School and looking for his next opportunity on the stage. He plans to pursue a career as a ballet dancer - a daunting task considering the limited spots in Canada or around the world. It's also not a particularly lucrative career. The majority of professional dancers earn less than \$50,000, and that varies by company and position.

Training is expensive: the seven-year program costs more than \$154,000.

Leier has received some federally funded scholarships over the years, but roughly 50 per cent of



COURTESY STANISLAV BALYAEVSKY

his financing comes from private donors. Increased federal funding could provide a sense of stability, he says, since private donors don't have to recommit year-over-year.

Overall, Leier is grateful for whatever money flows through the arts. "I wouldn't be the same dancer I am now if it weren't for these scholarships," he says.

## A BREAKDOWN OF NEW FUNDS

#### WHAT WAS PROMISED

The Liberal party promised to reinvest in the CBC to the tune of \$75 million additional funding in 2016, and up to \$150 million in annual funding by 2017.

The Liberal government promised to double the budget for the Canadian Council of the arts, which provides grants to artists and musicians across Canada. It promised \$90 million in 2016, and then an additional \$180 million by 2017.

The Liberals also said they would provide \$10 million in funding for international arts and cultural exchange programs for 2016, and then an additional \$25 million in funding in 2017 and 2018.

During the campaign both Telefilm and the National Film Board, which fund Canadian cinema, were promised an additional \$25 million annually between the two organizations.

#### WHAT THEY DELIVERED

The CBC saw its promised \$75 million for 2016, and another \$150 million for each year after until 2021.

The CCA will receive \$40 million in 2016, and an additional \$75 million in 2017. It won't be until 2020 that it sees its budget doubled. While this is less than what was promised, Simon Brault, CEO and director of the CCA, said a priority will remain on increasing opportunities for youth and indigenous voices in the arts community.

There will be \$10 million in the first year for international exchanges, and \$25 million in 2017. A focus for the funding will be on the upcoming Canada 150 celebration.

Telefilm will receive an additional \$22 million divided over the next five years with \$2 million this year, while the NFB will receive \$13.5 million, with \$1.5 million in 2016.

#### **DID THE BUDGET MEET EXPECTATIONS?**

"It's really pleasing to see after so many years of funding cuts, you have a government willing to make an investment in cultural creation. Our hope is some of it will be earmarked for Canadian original independent productions with Canadian talent." Elliott Anderson, acting director of public policy research and communication, ACTRA





"The (CCA's) budget will be doubled. It will take five years, as opposed to two, but it means the Canada Council can align its strategic plan over the next five years with the reinvestment by the government. It's a great day for the arts."

Simon Brault, CEO and director, Canada Council for the Arts

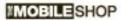


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**JOHANNA SCHNELLER** WHAT I'M WATCHING

#### Debra Messing's diet detective show

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THE MOMENT: The Mascara

New York homicide detective Laura Diamond (Debra Messing) sits in a hospital waiting room with the wife of the Cuban ambassador, who fell ill on a diplomatic mission. Though he's in surgery, his wife serenely applies makeup.

"When Jake was in surgery, I was a mess," Laura whispers to a colleague about her wisecracking ex-husband, played by Josh Lucas.

But she's so calm. Too calm!"

Laura continues thinking out loud: And she put on mascara — waterproof mascara. Because she's preparing to cry! Because she knows he's going to die! Because she and his surgeon are lovers! And they're going to kill him!

She rushes into the OR, gun raised. She's right about everything.

Oh, Laura, you adorable smarty-pants! Earlier this week I wrote about another

woman cop show, the British series Happy Valley.

You are the American cartoon version: Diet Cop. Cop

You're always sighing about your complicated life; a single mother, you work with your ex, whom you still love. (When you and he watch surveillance videos, you tussle cutely for the remote.)

Yet your curls cascade down your back like a hair model's and your flannel shirts are more precisely fitted than most Oscar gowns.

There are two kinds of cop shows, Laura: the cable kind, with tortured outcomes, where everyone is smarter than the audience; and yours, with simple (waterproof!) outcomes that make the audience feel smart along with you. You're as unthreatening as applesauce.

So the mystery of your popularity - why, it's no mystery at all.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Debra Messing, with curls cascading down her back, stars in a cop show as threatening as apple sauce. CONTRIBUTED

Weeknights at 6 Hannah counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day.



Alice Vaughan (Mireille Enos, left) is LA's top private investigator. She stars alongside Elvy Yost, right, in Shonda Rhimes' latest series The Catch. CONTRIBUTED

# The Shondaland hit recipe

THE CATCH

#### How beloved **Shonda Rhimes** continuously cranks out hits

It's no secret that when it comes to successful Thursday-night dramas, producer, creator and writer extraordinaire Shonda Rhimes has the winning formula. ABC has dubbed Thursdays TGIT after her primetime lineup of shows — between Grey's Anatomy, Scandal and How to Get Away with Murder she's given viewers successful female characters and hired people of colour on a scale unlike any other. "Shonda just has a magic formula to make these shows that are beloved," says Mireille Enos, who debuts in ShondaLand's latest show, The Catch, on Thursday.

So what is that magic formula?

#### One part leading lady

Rhimes has always written (or

taught her fellow showrunners to write) interesting and dynamic female characters. From the moment Ellen Pompeo walked the halls of Seattle Grace as Meredith Grey, she and the leading ladies who followed captivated a new wave of viewers with each debut. Now, the hospital on Grey's Anatomy is mostly run by females, Kerry Washington's Olivia Pope

> (seen below) has the ear of the president anytime she chooses, and Viola Davis's Annalise Keating is one of the most sought-after lawyers in the country.

That trend continues with The Catch, as Enos's Alice Vaughan proves she's one of the best private investigators around.

#### Two parts newbies

Viewers have always entered ShondaLand shows through fresh eyes. Adding in characters who would naturally have to ask questions allows for quick worldbuilding while never talking down to viewers, making them feel as though they're along for

the ride. We're talking about the interns of Grey's Anatomy, new Gladiator recruit Quinn (Katie Lowes) on Scandal, and the Keating Five on How to Get Away with Murder. While The Catch features a little less of that concept, new hire Sophie (Elvy Yost) allows for the blanks to be filled in.

#### One part heightened reality

In real life, people don't begin speaking in monologues during a conversation to prove a point. For that matter, they probably wouldn't be able to keep up the ridiculous workloads these characters do without a heart attack. Adding in that heightened sense of reality of a hospital staff, political fixer, criminal lawyer or private investigator gives the audience a salacious hook to hold onto while enjoying their series guilt-free.

A sprinkle of hot men

The men on these series have always been more than arm candy. While some have come with muscles and dashing smiles (see Charlie Weber, left), others have won over viewers' hearts with their ability to let

down their emotional guard. The latest male to join the melee is The Catch's Benjamin Jones (Peter Krause). While his motives are unclear and he comes across as shady in the pilot, he quickly becomes an equal for Alice to tango with as the series continues to unfold.

#### A generous helping of diversity

While there's still a long way to go, it's series like these that have begun to finally change the whitewashing Hollywood has demonstrated for far too long. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

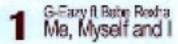
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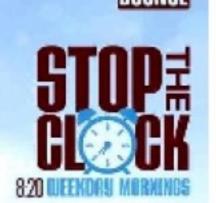
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Climate change has pushed French wines into uncharted territory, and could force producers to relocate, or abandon the grapes that helped to make their vineyards famous, scientists said Monday.

Since 1980, growing conditions in northern climes such as Champagne and Burgundy, as well as in sun-drenched Bordeaux, have fundamentally changed the "harvest equation" that defined these storied regions, they reported in Nature Climate Change.

"For much of France, local

climates have been relatively stable for hundreds or thousands of years," said Elizabeth Wolkovich, an assistant professor of evolutionary biology at Harvard University and coauthor of the study.

"But that is shifting with climate change," she said.

Many ingredients go into great winemaking: soil, grape variety, slope, exposure to the Sun, along with savoir faire in the vineyards and the cellar. But exceptional vintages have historically also required an early harvest produced by abundant

spring rains, hot summers, and a late-season drought.

Using meticulous records dating back to 1600, Wolkovich and Benjamin Cook, a climate scientist at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory in New York City and lead author of the study, and found harvest dates have moved up by two full weeks since 1980 compared to the average for the preceding 400

For France as a whole, temperatures have warmed by about 1.5 degrees Celsius over the 20th Century, and the mercury is still rising. In the short term, that has produced some "grands millesimes," the French term for stand-out years.

For Bordeaux, 1990, 2005 and 2010 have all been described as once-a-century vintages, while in Burgundy 2005 and 2009 are said to hold exceptional

But in the long run — measured in decades - these conditions may evolve into something far less favourable, the study warned.

# Start to finish: 30 MINUTES

Lemon zest and tarragon leaves add a surprising spring zing to Butter Roasted Radishes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Radically delish roast radish dish

#### RECIPE

#### Sharp root veg takes on fresh spring taste that's perfect for Easter

Easter sides are depressingly predictable. There will be asparagus, of course. If you're lucky, there might even be three or four variations of asparagus. And there will be peas. And gratin potatoes. And probably some sort of salad that most people will only eat to be polite. Not that there's anything wrong with any of this.

It's just that it would be nice to offer something... different. So we'll help you with this one.

Try butter roasted radishes with tarragon and lemon. It's a simple dish that comes together in minutes, but has a wonderful flavour that is both rich and light and lemony — the perfect combination for spring.

#### Butter Roasted Radishes with Tarragon and Lemon

Servings: 6

#### Ingredients:

- · 2 pounds radishes, halved
- 3 Tbsp butter, melted
- kosher salt and ground black pepper
- zest of 1 lemon
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh tarragon

#### Directions:

1. Heat the oven to 375 F.

- 2. Pile the radish halves in the centre of a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with the butter and toss to coat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Roast for 20 minutes, or until tender and lightly browned.
- Arrange on a platter, then sprinkle with the lemon zest and tarragon.

5. Serve warm or at room temperature.



#### Nutritional info per serving:

80 calories; 50 calories from fat (63 per cent of total calories); 6 g fat (3.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 15 mg cholesterol; 220 mg sodium; 5 g carbohydrate; 2 g fibre; 3 g sugar; 1 g protein. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### (1) EASTER WINE

#### Chocolate bunny gets a sophisticated pairing

Easter is really the only time of the year I bite the bunny and purchase chocolate. And, I like to wash down my confections with a glass or two of vino.

When it comes to milk chocolate, something boozy or sweet or both make a great pairing. A tawny port or sweeter sherry share both qualities, while the nectar-like goodness of a dessert wine, like a French Sauternes, makes a decadent marriage.

For a more mainstream match try a white made with the Moscato grape and reds from Pinot Noir or old vines Zinfandel.

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Pinot Noir (\$24.95 \$29.99) is a mouthful
of rich, thick berry fruit
with a creamy quality
that not only charms
chocolate, it's poultry
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THIS WEEK: Drink mixers

Trying to avoid excess calories when enjoying a drink? The classic gin and tonic is not the route to take.











#### Equivalent in sugar to 7 Old Fashion Timbits

Club soda and tonic water are popular mixes for cocktails, and many of us assume that tonic water is similar to club soda in ingredients and nutrients. However, the bitter-tasting tonic water is more like other sugarfilled beverages, like pop. In fact, one glass of gin & tonic serves up as much sugar as seven Old Fashion Timbits in sugar. For a mix that's sugar-free, pick up club soda, which is just carbonated water. Bottoms up!



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# EV with a gas-fueled guardian angel



#### THE CHECKLIST | 2016 CHEVROLET VOLT

#### THE BASICS

Type. Five-door, FWD, compact hatchback Power. 1.5-litre 14 with twin electric motors (149 combined hp) Transmissions. One-speed

electric automatic

Base price (not including

PDI & Freight). \$40,090

#### **COOL FEATURES**

- When charging preference set to "home," Volt automatically adjusts to that setting, when GPS data determines you are "home."
- Charge port pluses blue.
   Selectable "Mountain Mode" will leave battery reserves untouched, so you could use them at a better or later time.



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#### POINTS

- Qualifies for Green Car rebates in B.C., Ontario, and Quebec.
- All-new, second-generation format for 2016 has increased EV range (up to 80 km)
   New styling is sharp, but
- New styling is sharp, but with less emphasis on broadcasting itself as an EV.

#### MARKET POSITION

- First EV on the market to feature a "range extender" gasoline engine.
- Unlike other EVs, could easily work as a family's sole vehicle and/or for long trips.
  Targeted to those who are love the idea of an EV, but are prone to range anxiety.

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#### New-gen Volt surprisingly simple to operate

Mike Goetz For Metro Canada

The all-new Chevrolet Volt introduced for model-year 2016 is many kilometres better than its predecessor.

We can actually peg it to 20 kilometres better, as its potential all-electric kilometre range is now up to 80-ish, from 60-ish. Unlike other hybrids, the gas engine in the Volt is designed and designated as a "range extender" for the electric drivetrain. The gas engine is not directly engaged to the drive wheels. When the engine runs, it always turns a generator, which in turn sends electricity to the motor wheels directly, or to the battery, or both. In any scenario, the Volt is always being propelled by its electric motors.

It feels like Volt engineers went through much analysis and brain sweat, before deciding on the final size and power of the gas engine, battery pack, and electric motors, because each affects the other so much, and the resulting price point and electric performance of the eventual car.

Ultimately they came up with a 1.5-litre engine of "regular" sophistication that runs on regular gas, and an electric powertrain featuring an 18kWh battery pack with 192 cells, and two motors. The electric bits are considerably more powerful, and lighter, than their predecessors.

All this gives Volt noticeably more electric "jump" from a dead stop, and more electric range.

Combined with a body structure that is stronger and quieter, the combined effect is a Volt that is much more refined in feel and ride.

Volt can now seat five, instead of four, but the rear middle position is brutal. If you drew the short straw and end up there, you will be splaying your legs, to place one foot on either side of a tunnel, where part of the battery pack resides.

Up front it is decidedly better, with an all-new interface that does away with the previous car's irksome touchscreen.

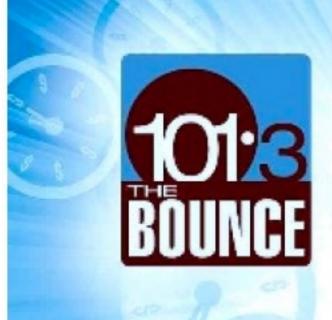
Under electric mode the Volt is extremely quiet and quite powerful. The gas engine kicks in smoothly, but it doesn't add anything to the experience, acting as it is does on its own schedule, to keep supplying electrical juice. The main goodness of the Volt happens when it's operating in sole electric mode.

I had the Volt during a cold spell. I found myself constantly wondering how much of my limited electrical reserves to use for cabin heat, versus range. The combination of cold temps and lots of highway miles, meant my electric range for a full charge was nowhere near 80 kms.

But overall, the Volt is impressive. With its bigger EV range, many more drivers can go petroleum-free for commutes, and Volt still gives you the option of using it for longer trips — an easy and satisfying way to transition to EV culture.



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# Three-in-one a 'starting point'

#### **Rolls-Royce** drops weight

Known more for building five-tonne luxury limos than for being light-on-their-wheels, iconic Rolls-Royce Motor Cars is looking to lighten its vehicles' loads by developing a new aluminum spaceframe architecture that it says will mark "the future of pure luxury motoring."

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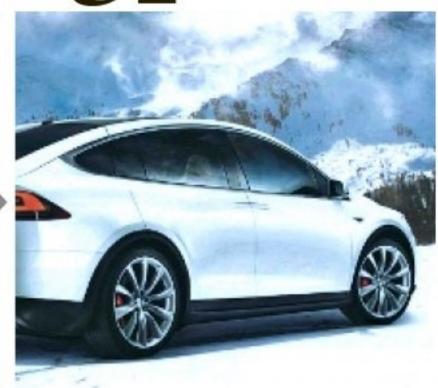


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#### Model X adds to Tesla sales

Despite a bumpy ride in 2015, Tesla sales continued to gain momentum with more than 50.000 units delivered. Fourth-quarter sales figures reveal 17,400 cars delivered, including units of the recently unveiled Model X electric tall wagon. Bear in mind that 50,000 units, while a seemingly big number, is far less than the number of Ford F-150 pickups built in just one month.

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#### 'Bold ambition' at Hyundai

The first car designed from the ground up to offer one of three distinct, advanced powertrains in a single body will be its manufacturer's "starting point" for future mobility. The loniq hatchback sedan embodies Hyundai's "new thinking and bold ambitions" for mobility, said loniq project manager, Rag Jung. The full loniq range will offer buyers a choice of electric, plug-in hybrid and hybrid powertrains, which is a first for a single model. Despite the claim of class-leading efficiency, Hyundai says the loniq will also deliver spirited handling and driving pleasure, things for which not all hybrids are lauded. The company also says that the lithium-ion polymer battery delivers "outstanding charge and discharge performance, optimizing output from the high voltage motor."



#### Minivan milestone

With the Pacifica Hybrid's allelectric range of 50 kilometres, many urban owners will hardly ever need to use the minivan's 3.6-litre V6 gas engine. Built just south of Detroit in Windsor, Ont., the Pacifica Hybrid will be available in the second half of 2016. The hybrid version of the standard gasoline-powered Pacifica will have, according to the company, an efficiency rating of about 1.8 I/100-km equivalent in city driving. Engineers placed the 16-kilowatt lithium-ion battery pack under the floor in the Stow 'n Go bins, meaning the vehicle's big cargo space is not compromised. It will be capable of recharging the depleted battery pack in less than two hours.





#### IN BRIEF

#### China's electric vehicle sales sluggish

China has found electric cars a tough sell even after lavishing consumers with subsidies and privileges, reports Automotive News China. Having failed to meet a target to have a half million EVs on its roads by the end of 2015, its next goal is to achieve a tenfold increase of EVs on the road today by the end of the decade. To meet its 2020 goal of five million electric cars, the government will speed construction of electric charging stations, reducing a major inconvenience for urban residents who don't have places to top up.



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# Meet the 2016 Toyota Prius

If you were expecting revelation with the new Prius, you'll instead have to settle for refinement of the entire package. Fuel economy is claimed to be improved by about 10 per cent, the hybrid components are lighter and more compact, better interior materials are in play, it's quieter and the car is designed to have a better ride and drive quality. **JEFF MELNYCHUK** WHEELBASE MEDIA

#### 1 Display

Driver display is not in line with the field of vision. "Normal" mode displays a blue background and the "Power" setting shows as red. The latter forgoes fuel economy for a bit more acceleration.

#### Engine

The 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine is quieter and has lower internal friction than before, which means that it's more efficient.

#### 1 Interior

Flexible interior space and a full cargo area as the battery pack is located under the rear seat.

#### O Design

Toyota says the design (probably the front) was inspired by a runner in the starting blocks. Total system output is not known, but it won't be all that athletic (around 150 horsepower). There's more glass area in the back for better visibility.

#### Grille

Automatic grille shutters close to block out air when cooling is not needed. SOURCE: TOYOTA



#### CHANGES

## Putting the surprise back into predictable F1 racing

The longest season in Formula One history also risks becoming its most extended test of patience if efforts to shake up the sport fall flat.

Last year was so predictable that even F1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone called it "boring," while runaway winner Lewis Hamilton agreed the crisis-prone sport was "broken."

With a record 21 races in 2016, organizers have been searching hard for ways to boost flagging viewing figures for a series which is too often dominated by one team.

The nightmare scenario another parade for Mercedes, whose drivers Hamilton and Nico Rosberg won 16 of the 19 grands prix last year and only missed pole position once.

Pre-season testing in which Mercedes clocked 6,024 kilometres, nearly a third more than their closest rivals Ferrari, cast a sense of foreboding over last week's season start in Melbourne, where Rosberg took the top position again for Mercedes.

Chief among the innovations is a much-debated new qualifying format, which steadily eliminates cars one by one and finishes in a top-two shoot-out.

But the new system doesn't look like it will have much impact on the quickest drivers, with



Bernie Ecclestone, Formula One chief executive, poses for a selfie at the launch of the Lost Yeti Hunters - Mongol Rally. AFP

Rosberg admitting last week he had not even bothered to look

One fear is that it will introduce even more complexity to a sport already heavy on technicalities.

Toro Rosso's Carlos Sainz Jr said: "I read them (qualifying regulations) very briefly and I didn't understand them." "I just hope that the fans that are not big fans of Formula One and just turn on their TV on Sunday understand it and they know what's happening," he added, according to Autosport.com.

#### 'Not remote-controlled'

The cars should at least make more noise this year, with twin exhausts introduced after complaints from petrol-heads that the hybrid F1 engines were simply too quiet.

A big cut in radio communications will make a genuine difference, forcing drivers to make decisions rather than rely on their data-crunching teams in the pitlane.

"Strategy, engine-mode deployment, tire choices, even up to a point pit stops, a lot will be down to the driver to decide," Mercedes boss Toto Wolff said on Autosport.com.

"Things will be less optimized by algorithms and engineers, and it will give room for error.

"What I like is that it is the driver who will be taking decisions, and not remote-controlled from the garage."



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Mercedes F1 boss Toto Wolff

Hamilton warned that life was about to get much harder for drivers, who already have trouble mastering their cars' complicated systems.

"The idea is probably a good thing and you'll see it evolve over the races," he said.

"We're all going to struggle, probably in the first race in some way or some form, but we've tried to prepare the best way we can."

Meanwhile tire supplier Pirelli has introduced new 'ultra-soft' tires and greater flexibility in the teams' choice of rubber.

But complex rules surrounding tire choices have left many scratching their heads, while teams also must commit to their selections weeks in advance to ensure supply.

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# Morgan the merrier as minutes stack up

#### **Rielly working** overtime but determined to stick the pace

Maple Leafs defenceman Morgan Rielly is logging the most ice time of his NHL career these days.

Rielly, who set a careerhigh with over 31 minutes in a win over Detroit last week, is averaging more than 26 minutes per game in March. It's a heavy load for the 22-year-old, but he's well aware it's the norm for players like Ottawa's Erik Karlsson, L.A.'s Drew Doughty and

other top blueliners around the

you look at them comfort zone now. and that's what they do every night," Rielly said

in a recent interview.

The Leafs have needed Rielly to assume a bigger load after veteran defencemen Dion Phaneuf and Roman Polak were traded last month and Matt Hunwick was lost to season-ending surgery. Toronto's defence is young and inexperienced with 25-year-old Jake Gardiner the only blue-liner who has cleared the 300-game plateau.

Rielly, the fifth overall pick in 2012, has the second-most experience on the team with

226 career games played. He was playing big minutes before the uptick in March about 22 minutes per game - but not nearly this much on a regular basis.

"I think it's just less rest," he said of the increase. "You're a bit more tired.

"At the same time you want to be out there that much, you want to get an opportunity to play big minutes. It's fun."

Rielly hovered around 28 minutes in three straight games last week and ranks 11th among league defencemen in average ice time this month. Maple Leafs head coach Mike Babcock knows it's a significant difference but thinks Rielly is up for the challenge.

"I think when you're an easy, easy skater, I don't know if "When you're this is kind of your Babcock said." "The other thing about it is I've never heard one (defenceman) in

> all my years coaching come to me and say, 'Could I play less?' Never, ever heard that.

Morgan Rielly

"But some guys when (they) go from 12 minutes to 20 minutes they end up (getting scored on) all the time. And other guys just seem to get better so you just watch and go from there."

Rielly has maintained positive puck possession numbers despite the increase in minutes. Playing alongside 24-year-old Martin Marincin, they are often



The Leafs' Morgan Rielly says he has a new-found admiration for the NHL's top minute men. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

tasked with facing top lines.

Rielly played 28 minutes in a game last week against Florida and matched a career-high with his eighth goal of the season. He played 25 minutes in a game against Buffalo over the weekend and set a new careerhigh with his 31st point of the

"I'm not really used to it at this level, but (I'm) getting there," Rielly said. "The first couple times it might be a little much. I might be a little tired by the end of it, but you get to a certain point where this is kind of your comfort zone now."

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#### **Brussels attacks** put fear in football

Belgium's national soccer team called off a practice session in Brussels on Tuesday after the city was hit by what authorities are calling terror attacks.

"Our thoughts are with the victims. Football is not important today," the Belgian soccer federation wrote in a Twitter message. "Training cancelled."

Belgium will host Portugal in a friendly match next Tuesday at the King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels, where the practice was scheduled. The game is a warmup for this year's European Championship.

Belgium captain Vincent Kompany wrote on Twitter that he was "horrified and revolted" by the attacks.

"I wish for Brussels to act with dignity. We are all hurting, yet we must reject hate and its preachers. As hard as it may be. #Brussels," Kompany wrote.

Three explosions early Tuesday at the Brussels airport and the Maelbeek metro station near European Union offices have been called terror attacks by Belgian authorities. At least 31 people died.

One international soccer player was at the Zavantem airport where two explosions were reported. Norwich forward Dieumerci Mbokani, who is from Congo, was "unharmed but shaken by the tragic events," the English club said in a statement.

Mbokani was visiting family in Brussels, where he played for Anderlecht for two seasons until 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### 10,000

Organizers announced last month that about 10,000 people had been privately hired for security for this Summer's European Championship in France.

#### **NBA icon Mutombo** survives unscathed

NBA Hall of Famer Dikembe Mutombo was at the Brussels airport during a deadly terrorist attack early Tuesday.

Mutombo posted two messages on his Facebook page to let everyone know he was not injured. The Atlanta Hawks confirmed that he was in Belgium when the terrorists struck at both the airport and on a subway, killing at least 31 people and wounding scores.

Mutombo posted one photo showing people walking around outside the airport, accompanied by the message, "God is good. I am in Brussels Airport with this craziness. I am fine." He followed with a selfie and another message, "Thank you everyone. I am safe here. God is good."

Mutombo is a native of the Congo who now lives in Atlanta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### IN BRIEF

#### Flamethrower Fernandez flummoxes Red Sox

Jose Fernandez pitched five no-hit innings and the Miami Marlins held Boston to just one single, beating the Red Sox 3-0 Tuesday.

Fernandez struck out four and walked one. He threw 41 of his 60 pitches for strikes. Blake Swihart singled with two outs in the eighth for Boston's hit. Giancarlo Stanton drove in his first run of spring training. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **NYC** green-lights MMA

New York's Assembly voted Tuesday to legalize mixed martial arts, clearing the way for fights late this year and expanding the combat sport into the last state to still prohibit it.

It was a significant victory for the sport's advocates and the UFC, MMA's biggest organizing body. The final floor vote was 113 to 25, having cleared three committees earlier Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **OTTAWA STRUGGLES**

## Sens owner promises sweeping changes

Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk isn't happy with his team's poor performance this season and he plans on doing something about it.

The Senators are longshots to make the playoffs and Melynk is less than impressed. He told reporters at Canadian Tire Centre on Tuesday that "nobody is safe."

"Frankly I am disappointed in where we are," he said. "We shouldn't be here. We had a lot

bigger aspirations, but we are where we are and we're going to have to make changes.

"I'm looking at all of it, right across the board, nobody is safe when you have a year like we just did. The status quo would just get us there again next year and this team cannot survive not making the playoffs.

"You can't just throw money at these things. We all know other teams that would just throw money at things for decades and they've gotten nowhere. We need to do it a different way and I think we are." Head coach Dave Cameron

game against the visiting Washington Capitals. Melnyk has been critical of Cameron in the past. It appears Cameron's role will be analyzed along with every other position.

has guided the team to a 34-

31-8 record entering Tuesday's

"I think every single aspect of the team is under the microscope right now," Melnyk said. "You do need an answer to fix it. We are going to fix this."

work and we can get there. Eugene Melnyk

We have to do it by guts, by hard

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Tampa Bay Rays players listen to the national anthems on Tuesday at the Estado Latinoamericano in Havana.

**U.S. President Barack** Obama talks to his Cuban counterpart, Raul Castro, field-side.

 Dayron Varona, who defected from Cuba in 2013, hugs a player from Cuba's national team. GETTY IMAGES





# Presidents cheered as Havana hosts MLB team

DIPLOMACY

#### Obama, Castro watch as Rays take on Cuban national side

In a landmark game attended by presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro, the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Cuban national team 4-1 Tuesday in the first visit by a major league team to the communist island since 1999.

James Loney homered and drove in three runs, and Matt Moore and the Tampa Bay pitchers shut out the Cubans until Rudy Reyes homered in the ninth inning.

The game will be remembered less for the final score than for the two men sitting up front at Estadio Latinoamericano in Havana. The near-capacity crowd roared as Obama and Castro entered and walked toward their seats right behind home

plate, waving to fans and greeting other dignitaries. Chants of "Raul! Raul!" broke out.

As the two countries try to heal more than 50 years of Cold War animosity, Obama and Castro sitting side-by-side was a remarkable sight. Obama wore a white shirt and sunglasses, while Castro wore a blazer.

The presidents took part when the fans tried to get "the wave" going early. Obama later signalled safe when Kevin Kiermaier safely slid home for the first run, then shook hands with Castro.

This was the first time since the Baltimore Orioles came 17 years ago during spring training that a big league club played in Cuba.

Rarely has so much pomp and circumstance accompanied an exhibition game. Former All-Stars Derek Jeter and Dave Winfield and Major League Baseball commissioner Rob Manfred were among the president's greeters. Secretary of State John

🛟 CEREMONIAL PITCHES

President Barack Obama let some actual aces take care of the first pitches in Cuba.

Obama watched from the seats Tuesday when former stars Luis Tiant and Pedro Luis Lazo tossed out the ceremonial balls before the Tampa Bay Rays took on the

Cuban national team. And that was totally fine with the president.

"Nothing is more stressful than throwing out the first pitch," he kidded on an ESPN interview during the game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kerry was also in the VIP box, as well as several of Cuba's highest officials.

Before the first pitch, Rays players walked over from the dugout to say hello and passed flowers and small Cuban flags through the netting to first lady Michelle Obama and first daughter Sasha.

"Appreciate you guys," the president said.

Obama shared an extended handshake with ace pitcher Chris Archer, once a minor leaguer for the Chicago Cubs.

He gave Obama, a White Sox fan, a glove owned by Moore.

Loud music and dancers on the field warmed the crowd up beforehand, and tots in tiny baseball uniforms escorted the players out during introductions. A white-clad choir sang both countries' national anthems and a flock of doves was unleashed from the centre-field stands.

Both Obama and Castro were gone by the third inning, but the stands remained packed until the final out.

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#### **IN BRIEF**

#### Jays pummel Tigers 16-1

Tigers starter Daniel Norris exited because of tightness in his lower back after getting just one out and Toronto Blue Jays went on to beat Detroit 16-1 Tuesday. Norris gave up three runs on three hits and two walks.

Troy Tulowitzki homered and drove in five runs. Darrell Ceciliani also homered for Toronto.

Blue Jays starter Drew Hutchison gave up one run in four innings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Bombers cut two veterans

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers released veteran American players Bryant Turner and Clarence Denmark on Tuesday.

Turner, a defensive tackle, and Denmark, a receiver, both originally signed with Winnipeg in

"These are the types of difficult decisions that must be made throughout the off-season," Blue Bombers general manager Kyle Walters said in a statement. "Both Bryant and Clarence have done great things for this organization both on and off the field for a long time now."

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#### Canada wins tense battle over Italians

Canada's Chelsea Carey won a tense game for a 5-4 victory over Italy's Federica Apollonio on Tuesday afternoon in Draw 10 of the women's curling world championship.

Carey (6-1) started the day on a winning note with a 7-5 victory over Germany's Daniela Driendl.

Apollonio's rink (0-6) offered handshakes in the 10th end after missing a takeout with its last stone. Canada had the hammer and was already sitting for a single when Italy conceded.

Carey came up short on a draw attempt, but Canada was sitting single for an early 1-0

lead. Italy replied with a single of its own in the second but the Canadians reclaimed the lead with a point in the third. Apollonio hit for a single in the fourth to keep it 2-2, then Carey was unable to put enough weight behind her takeout in the fifth end for a 3-2 Italian lead at the break.

Carey blanked in the sixth end to keep the hammer, then drew in to score a deuce in the seventh to take a 4-3 lead. A blank by Italy in the eighth maintained the Canadian lead and with a single in the ninth Apollonio tied it 4-4.

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Canada third Amy Nixon, left, and Chelsea Carey speak during Tuesday's early game. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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#### Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

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#### Ready in

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 1 x 14 oz can black beans, rinsed 1/4 cup cilantro, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing
- 1 clove garlic, slicedy chopped cilantro plus 1/8 cup for garnish
- 1 lime, juiced
- · pinch of salt
- 8 corn tortillas
- 1 ear of corn of fresh corn or 1 cup frozen
- · 2 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
- · 3/4 cup Monterey Jack
- cheese, grated 1/4 cup sour cream

#### Directions

- Preheat the oven to 425. In a food processor, place beans, oil, lime juice, garlic, cilantro and salt. Blend until mixture reaches the consistency of hummus. Remove from processor and spoon into a small bowl.
- 2. Boil corn until cooked. Remove from water and allow to cool a few minutes. Cut kernels from ear. Place in a bowl. Place shredded lettuce, shaved cheese, chopped cilantro and sour cream in various small bowls.
- 3. Lightly brush each tortilla with olive oil on each side and bake in oven on a cookie sheet for about 7 minutes. Remove and serve immediately.
- 4. Place tortilla on plate and layer with black bean dip, lettuce, cheese and corn. Feel free to free style this dish with additional toppings like peppers, tomatoes and slices of avocado.

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#### **\* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20 Today you will strive to find a balance in everything you do, especially with work or your health. From here on, things will get better. Factoid.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 After the Full Moon peaks this morning, you will feel more in control of your life. You also will feel a balance between fun plans and your ability to make them a reality.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21 Relations with others will improve after the Full Moon peaks this morning. You feel better between loyalty to partners and your home and family.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 The tension of today's Full Moon will subside after it peaks this morning. You will see an improvement in all your communications with others - no question.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Take it easy today to avoid accidents. However, your financial situation is looking better and better, isn't it? Good for you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Financial disputes will calm down after this morning. This is just one example of how you are starting to feel a balance between your home obligations and your personal freedom.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 You will feel better after the Full Moon peaks this morning. You will also have a better direction and a better idea about your future plans.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Tension on the work front will relax after the Full Moon peaks this morning. Ultimately, you feel an increasing confidence in your financial future and your ability to earn money. Bravo!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Difficulties with friends will subside after the Full Moon peaks this morning. In fact, your relations with everyone - especially authority figures - will move to a more solid footing.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 You will feel calmer after the Full Moon peaks this morning. In fact, future travel plans or plans regarding further education look doable and even sensible. Yay!

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61. Vatican VIP's

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Life will be easier after the Full Moon peaks this morning. You can breathe a sigh of relief because you see that you have the support of others, which is what you really wanted.

#### )-( Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20 Financial tensions will diminish after the Full Moon peaks this morning. Your ambition to make a name for vourself looks much more doable. You have faith in your future!

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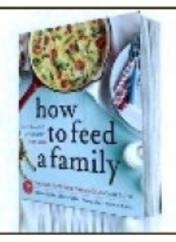
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